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11. Post discussed reftel points with DFA's Office of United Nations and Other International Organizations (UNIO), and thanked the Philippines for speaking up at the negotiating sessions to offer their qualified support of the Independent Expert mandate. Post also requested that the Philippine government ask other Asian and Middle Eastern members of the HRC to support the appointment of an Independent Expert. Although the UNIO office director was unable to agree immediately to that request, she said that she would discuss it with senior levels in the DFA to ensure the reftel points were given careful consideration. Post will continue to engage with DFA to build on the Philippines' support for this draft resolution and to encourage GRP to ask other nations to be more supportive.

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